

OFFICE OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

HIGHLAND CEMETERY P.O. BOX 250 DOVER, MASSACHUSETTS 02030

November 20, 2019

We, the Commissioners of Highland Cemetery in Dover, voted on November 19, 2019 to change Articles 3 and 14 of the Cemetery's by-laws. Please see the attached.

We are hoping that these changes will be presented and voted upon at Dover's May 2020 Town Meeting.

Sincerely,

Pope Hotfman Chairman

Carol Jackman Secretary

Mariah Riess Member Proposed changes submitted by Cemetery Commissioners; Pope Hoffman, Chairman, Mariah Riess, and Carol Jackman

ARTICLE 3 now reads:

All interments in lots for which deeds have been issued, shall be restricted to members of the family and relatives of the proprietors thereof, except special permission to the contrary may be obtained from the Commissioners in writing.

Therefore, be it resolved that

ARTICLE 3 be changed to read:

All interments in lots for which deeds have been issued, shall be at the discretion of the owner as to whom should be buried within the lot.

and

ARTICLE 14 now reads:

There shall be only one headstone per lot of *four* graves or more, and the positioning of the headstone shall be directed by the Commissioners. All new headstones must rest on concrete foundations laid below the frost, and satisfactory to the Commissioners. No work will be allowed to be set in the spring until the ground has fully settled and is in proper condition.

Therefore, be it resolved that

ARTICLE 14 be changed to read:

There shall be only one headstone per lot of *two* graves or more, and the positioning of the headstone shall be directed by the Commissioners. All new headstones must rest on concrete foundations laid below the frost, and satisfactory to the Commissioners. No work will be allowed to be set in the spring until the ground has fully settled and is in proper condition.



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January 13, 2020

We, the Commissioners of Highland Cemetery in Dover, voted on January 10, 2020 to change Articles 11 and 18 of the cemetery's by-laws. Please see attached.

We hope that these changes will be presented and voted upon at Dover's May 2020 Town Meeting.

Sincerely,

Chairman

Secretary

Mariah Riess

Member

Proposed changes submitted by Cemetery Commissions, Pope Hoffman, Chairman, Mariah Riess, and Carol Jackman

ARTICLE 11 now reads:

All lots are to be numbered and supplied with markers by the Commissioners. Only one body shall be buried in a grave, or up to three cremated remains may be interred in the space of one grave. Whenever a lot or a grave is vacant, the owner thereof may sell the same to the Town at the original price thereof, but there shall be no *imbursement* for any amount paid for perpetual care. An individual grave may not be transferred except as provided herein or by will or interstate succession.

Therefore, be it resolved that

ARTICLE 11 be changed to read:

All lots are to be numbered and supplied with markers by the Commissioners. Only one body shall be buried in a grave, or up to three cremated remains may be interred in the space of one grave. The only exception to these rules is that one cremation, placed in a marble urn, may be placed on top of one full burial. Whenever a lot or a grave is vacant, the owner thereof may sell the same to the Town at the original price thereof, but there shall be no reimbursement for any amount paid for perpetual care. An individual grave may not be transferred except as provided herein or by will or interstate succession.

ARTICLE 18 now reads:

Citizens of Dover who are heads of families and have been residents of the Town for not less than five years shall be entitled to lots in the cemetery, *allowing* one lot to a family, subject to the regulations adopted by the Town, upon payment for same, but by consent of the Commissioners the five years' residence requirement may be waived.

Therefore, be it resolved that

ARTICLE 18 be changed to read:

Citizens of Dover, **present or formally**, who are heads of families and have been residents of the Town for not less than five years shall be entitled to lots in the cemetery. **This allows** one lot to a family, subject to the regulations adopted by the Town, upon payment for same, but by consent of the Commissioners the five years' residence requirement may be waived.